cause of three minutes time limit imposed on calls between inter-diaiing exchanges;

(b) if so, what is the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to rectify this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No Sir. The charging is done as per prescribed tariff.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Restrictions of telephone and telex communications with countries harbouring terrorists

94. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to impose restrictions of telephone and telex communications with the countries harbouring terrorists; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Not for the present.

(b) Does not arise.

Overcharging of rent for temporary telex connections in Tamil Nadu

95. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whethe it is a fact that the Madras Telephone and other telecom. authorities in Tamil Nadu are charging twice the quarterly rent for temporary telex connections though these charges were subsequently reduced one and a half times;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to rectify this mistake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF TH MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) At present t rental for temporary telex connectio is being charged at the rate of one a half times of the normal rent. Earl upto middle of Feb. 1993 rental at t rate of twice the normal rental w charged by mistake in the case of Mad Telephones only.

(b) Madras Telephones—24 cases (fr 1990 to Mid-Feb. 1993). Tamil Na Telecom—Nil.

(c) In 2 cases the excess charged r has already been refunded. For remaining 22 cases refund shall be m after locating the original party.

The correction in rental has b incorporated in the latest Teleph Directory of Madras Telephones for benefit of subscribers.

Post Offices in the villages of Ma Pradesh

96. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUN TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of post c in the country and the average pc tion served by each post office;

(b) what are the district-wise offices in Madhya Pradesh and the age population servisel by each office, district-wise;

(c) whether some villages are still out post offices there;

(d) if so, number of such vi and

(e) what steps Government p to take to provide at least mobil offices in such villages in Madhy desh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OI MINISTRY OF COMMUNICA' (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The r of post offices as on 31-3-93